



California State Rail Plan Overview Presentation

February 2013

Project Background

State Requirements

- State law has required a State Rail Plan for over 25 years
- The State Rail Plan is a 10-yr plan
- Must address passenger and freight rail

Federal Requirements (PRIIA 2008)

- 20-year long range plan
- Integrate high-speed rail and conventional rail to form an overall rail system
- States must develop Rail Plans to be eligible for Federal funds
- Serves as the basis for Federal and State rail investments
- Rail Plan funded by Federal Rail Administration (FRA) grant – FRA approves the Rail Plan

Vision and Purpose

California has a premier, customer-focused rail system that successfully moves people and products while enhancing economic growth and quality of life.

The California State Rail Plan establishes a statewide vision, sets priorities, and develops implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail service in the public interest.



CSRP Chapters Overview

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Context & Challenges
- Chapter 3: Rail Vision
- Chapter 4: Public Outreach & Approval Process
- Chapter 5: Existing Passenger Rail System
- Chapter 6: Existing Freight Rail System
- Chapter 7: Passenger/Freight Rail Integration
- Chapter 8: Passenger Rail Improvements
- Chapter 9: Freight Rail Improvements
- Chapter 10: Rail Benefits and Next Steps

Rail Plan Highlights

- The 2013 California State Rail Plan is **more comprehensive** and wide-reaching than previous state rail plans because of new federal law and includes changes to rail policy and funding programs.
- The Rail Plan plans for an **integrated High-Speed Rail, intercity, and commuter rail network** that is consistent with the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) 2012 Business Plan. The plans for this network anticipate travel needs of future population and employment growth.
- **Intercity passenger rail institutional roles may change** in the future as the result of 2012 legislation that authorized the creation of two new joint powers authorities to administer the Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin routes.

Rail Plan Highlights

- In 2013, Caltrans and the Authority will become part of a **new State Transportation Agency**. The State Transportation Agency will champion continued coordinated planning for an integrated statewide rail system.
- The Rail Plan summarizes plans for **expanding state-supported intercity passenger rail routes by 2020** to support blended service on the first construction section of the Initial Operating Section planned for 2018.
- The Rail Plan describes the **planned passenger rail system in 2025** when initial high-speed rail operations are initiated in 2022 and 34 round trips on the initial high-speed rail segment from Merced to the San Fernando Valley are planned.

Rail Plan Highlights

- Additional expansions to intercity and commuter routes are planned to integrate with the high-speed rail operations and meet demand from population growth.
- The Rail Plan describes plans for expansion of existing commuter rail services and new commuter and intercity rail services.
- The Rail Plan will be updated on a regular basis. Additional rail service planning and operations modeling is ongoing and will be needed to complete planning of the integrated statewide rail system.

Authority Input into the Draft Rail Plan

- The Authority engaged the Northern and Southern California Rail Partners Working Groups (Working Groups) to plan the integrated rail system.
- Rail Plan planning scenarios are consistent with the Working Groups plans.
- The Rail Plan Advisory Committee provided input and advice on the draft Rail Plan. Authority staff are part of the Advisory Committee.
- Authority and Caltrans staff consulted, collaborated and communicated.
- The Authority had extensive and ongoing input, review and editing of the draft Rail Plan.

Consistency with 2012 Business Plan

The draft California State Rail Plan is consistent with the Authority's 2012 Business Plan.

- **Integrated Modeling**

Combines the California High-Speed Rail Revenue and Ridership Model with the Amtrak/Caltrans Model.

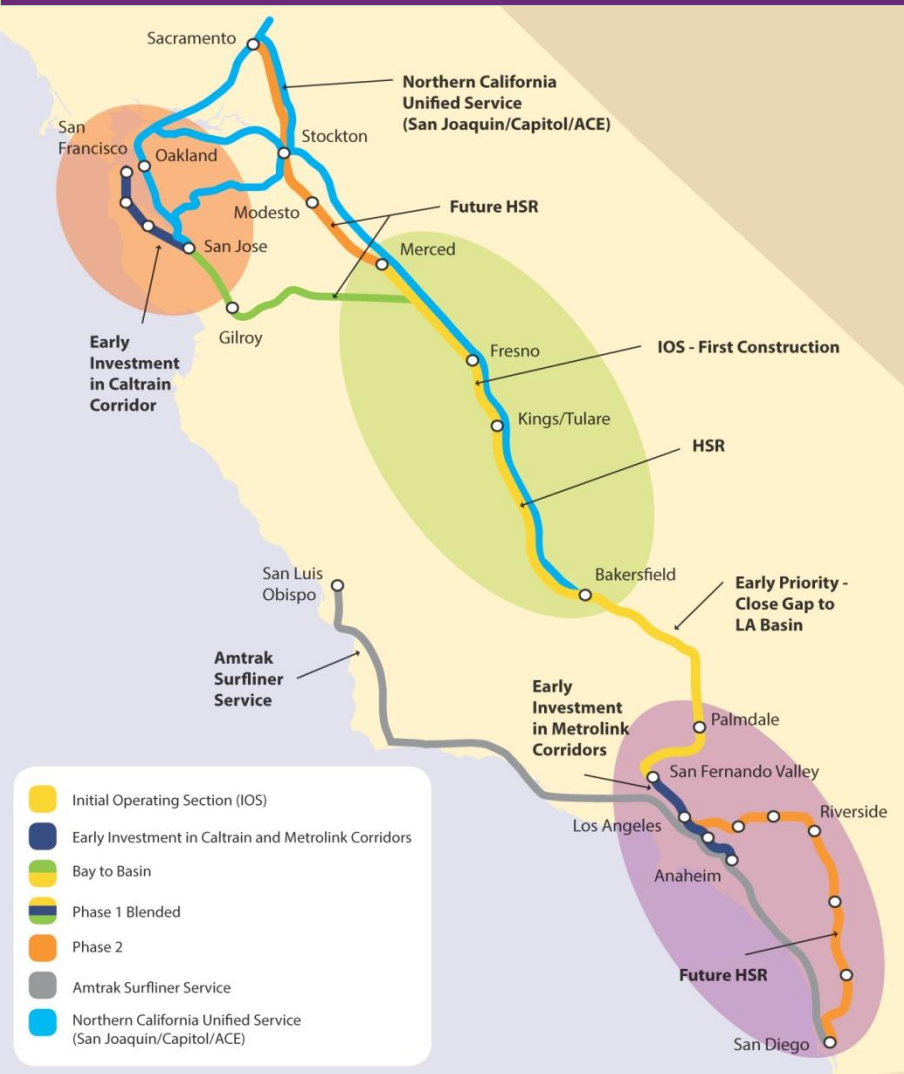
- **Consistent Planning Scenarios**

Draft Rail Plan planning scenarios are consistent with the Authority's 2012 Business Plan, approved UPRR MOU, and the Working Groups' integrated rail system planning.

- **Builds on the 2012 Business Plan**

Draft Rail Plan planning scenarios refine and build on the Authority's 2012 Business Plan concept of an integrated high-speed, intercity and commuter rail system.

The California High-Speed Rail System



- Northern California Unified Rail Service
- Early Investment in Caltrain and Metrolink Corridors
- Initial Operating Section
- Bay to Basin
- Phase 1 Blended
- Phase 2

Existing Intercity Passenger Rail Routes



- State-supported corridors:
 - Pacific Surfliner
 - San Joaquin
 - Capitol Corridor
- Amtrak long-distance routes

Existing Commuter Rail Lines



- Altamont Corridor Express (ACE)
- Caltrain
- Coaster
- Metrolink

Integrated California Rail System

- The Rail Plan creates an unprecedented vision of an integrated rail system
- The State Rail Plan describes a blended system plan, early improvements, and incremental development of California high-speed rail



Service Development Plans

Service Development Plans (SDPs) formalize the State's implementation plans for intercity rail corridors.

Caltrans is completing SDPs for:

- San Joaquin Corridor (including plans for the 2018 Northern California Unified Rail Service)
- Pacific Surfliner North
- Pacific Surfliner South
- Coast Daylight Corridor
- Coachella Valley Planning Study

CCJPA prepares a SDP for the Capitol Corridor

Project Schedule

- Draft California State Rail Plan Public Comment Period: February 8, 2013 – March 11, 2013
- Public Open Houses on Draft California State Rail Plan: February 2013
 - Sacramento – Feb. 12
 - Oakland – Feb. 14
 - San Diego – Feb. 19
 - Los Angeles – Feb. 20
 - Fresno – Feb. 21
 - Statewide Webinar – Feb. 26
- Service Development Plans: May 2013
- Final State Rail Plan: June 2013

Outreach and Communications

Stakeholder Meetings/Briefings

ongoing through March 2013:

- State and Regional Agencies
- Rail Corridor Committees
- Freight Railroads
- Passenger Railroad Owners
- Commuter Rail Operators
- Public
- Tribal Informational Meeting
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